(ख) परियोजनावार निधियों का आवंटन संबंधी ब्यौरा विवरण 2 में दिया गया है । [दिखिए परिशिष्ट 160, अनुपत्र संख्या 41]

बिहार में प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज

1047. **श्री रजनी रंजन साहू :** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केंद्रीय सरकार बिहार में प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज का कार्य कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या पूर्ववर्ती समाचारों के अनुसार नेपाल के निकट भेंसालोटन/रक्सोल/बैतिया में खुदाई का काम किया जा रहा है ; और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ग) यदि वहां पर गैस के कोई भंडार नहीं मिले हैं तो सरकार द्वारा इस खोज कार्य पर अब तक कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) बिहार राज्य में अब तक पांच अन्वेषण कूप खोदे गए हैं और फिलहाल एक कुंए की खुदाई चल रही है । बिहार में अन्वेषण कार्य पर कुल 61 करोड़ रुपए खर्च हुए हैं ।

Discouraging Power Generating units to use Diesel

1048. SHRI RAGHAVJI:

SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the steps being taken and planned to be taken to discourage existing power generation units in industry using diesel on a continuous basis so as to reduce the consumption of diesel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Restrictions have been imposed on supply of HSD for captive power generation.

Price Fixation of Gas and Oil

1049. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the global formula for fixing up gas and fuel oil prices;

(b) what is the price of the gas and fuel oil fixed up in major developed countries and developing countries of South East Asia;

(c) why there is significant differences between prices fixed in India and in above mentioned countries; and

(d) whether Government would consult at the decisive stages, the States concerned, major consumers and MPs before finalising the proposed review of the gas price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Generally, the guiding economic principle is the long range marginal cost of production.

(b) As per information furnished by the Gas Authority of India Ltd. these were as follows as on 1-8-1991:-

S. No.	Country name	Gas price	
		(Rs./1000 M^3)	
1	Belgium	2492	
2	France	2713	
3	Germany	2731	
4	Italy	2519	
5	Netherlands	2666	
6	Spain	2607	
7	U. K.	2457	
8	Korea (LNG)	3359	(May '91)
9	Japan (LNG)	4092	(May '91)

FUEL OIL

S. No.	Country name	Fuel Oil Price (FOP)
		(Rs./tonne)
1	Singapore	2362
2	Middle East	2149
3	Rotterdam	2088

(c) and (d) The price of gas is fixed in India after taking into account all relevant factors, including various views.

Foreign Exchange earned and spent by ITDC

1050. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC has been allowed to spend foreign exchange at the rate of 10 per cent of its total earnings on its different activities;

(b) if so, the amount of the foreign exchange earned and spent by the ITDC during 1985-86 to March, 1991 annually with details of the activities wherefrom foreign exchange is being earned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with a view to exhaust the foreign exchange quota, bogus and fictitious foreign pleasure tours, seminars, training etc. are arranged to favour a few officials by the ITDC Management in the name of business promotion, etc.;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) what steps ITDC is taking to economise such spending in view of foreign exchange crunch?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir, on total foreign exchange earnings.

(b) The information from 1985-86 to 1989-90 is given in the Statement.